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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: PLANNED NETHERLANDS VISIT OF SOMALIA PRESIDENT BARRE:  
SPETEMBER 5-6

1. MFA ANNOUNCED AUGUST 30 THAT PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE  
OF SOMALIA WILL VISIT THE NETHERLANDS ON SEPTEMBER 5  
AND 6 TO EXPLAIN HIS COUNTRY'S NEW FOREIGN POLICY.  
HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY SOME 20 TOP OFFICIALS INCLUDING  
THE FOREIGN MINISTER. DURING HIS STAY HERE HE WILL  
MEET THE QUEEN, PRIME MINISTER VAN AGT, FOREIGN MINISTER  
VAN DER KLAUW, DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION MINISTER DE  
KONING AND PERHAPS AGRICULTURE MINISTER VAN DER STEE.  
OBSERVERS ARE QUOTED AS SAYING THAT BARRE MAY ALSO  
RAISE THE ISSUE OF DUTCH DEVELOPMENT AID TO SOMALIA.  
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2. THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE MFA NORTH AFRICA SECTION,  
(SCHWARTZENBERG) TOLD US THAT, IN SPITE OF THE HIGH  
LEVEL OF APPOINTMENTS, BARRE'S STOPOVER IS A WORKING  
VISIT; ITS CHIEF PURPOSE IS TO INQUIRE ABOUT INCREASED  
NETHERLANDS DEVELOPMENT AID. SCHWARTZENBERG SAID  
THAT THE NETHERLANDS HAS SEVERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

IN SOMALIA BUT NOTED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT AID BUDGET HAS ENOUGH BUILT-IN FLEXIBILITY TO YIELD ADDITIONAL AID TO SOMALIA IF A DECISION IS MADE TO INCREASE AID AS A RESULT OF THE VISIT. (CURRENT AID IS ABOUT 1.2 MILLION DOLLARS IN FOOD.)

3. SCHWARTZENBERG SAID THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT THAT BARRE WOULD ASK FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM THE NETHERLANDS IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN THE FACT THAT ON PREVIOUS VISITS TO BONN, LONDON, AND PARIS, MILITARY AID HAD BEEN MADE CONDITIONAL ON A DECLARATION BY BARRE WHICH ACCEPTED THE PRESENT SOMALIA BORDERS. SCHWARTZENBERG THOUGHT THAT THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION IN SOMALIA ALLOWED NO POSSIBILITY FOR SUCH A DECLARATION. IN ANY CASE, HE THOUGHT THAT THE DUTCH ARE NOT VERY INTERESTED IN THE SUBJECT OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA.

4. BARRE IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN THE NETHERLANDS ON SEPTEMBER 5 FROM MOGADISCIO, DEPARTING ON THE 6TH FOR ROME, TRAVELING ONWARD TO BRUSSELS, AND THEN RETURNING TO SOMALIA. THE TIMING OF THE NETHERLANDS VISIT APPEARS TO BE MORE A MATTER OF CONVENIENCE FOR ALL THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED THAN A RESULT OF URGENCY, ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN TRYING TO FIND A SUITABLE  
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DATE SINCE EARLY THIS YEAR.  
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